#### SQL Anywhere 17: Monitoring and Tuning



#### Which tools are available?

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Tool	Answer to	Purpose
SA Monitor	Which database servers are currently available	To see the heath and availability of your SA resources (database servers, Mobilink Serves, server farms, etc.)
SA Cockpit	What your database server is doing	To see what is occurring in database server components (connected users, database properties, server messages, etc.)
SA Profiler	Why your database server is slow?	To troubleshoot and tune your applications

#### SQL Anywhere Monitor

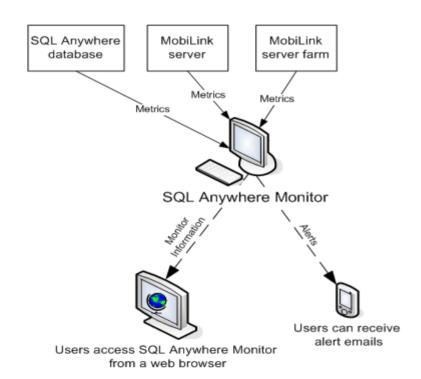


#### SQL Monitor provides the following features:

- Browser-based interface (based on flash)
- Constant data collection
- Email alert notification
- Monitor multiple databases servers
- Minimal performance impact

#### SQL Anywhere (SA) Monitor Architecture





to start SA Monitor: from the Start Menu
 type SQL Anywhere → Administration Tools → SA Monitor

 to stop SA Monitor: from the System Tray right-click the Monitor icon and click Exit SQL Anywhere Monitor

#### **SQL** Anywhere Monitor: Resources



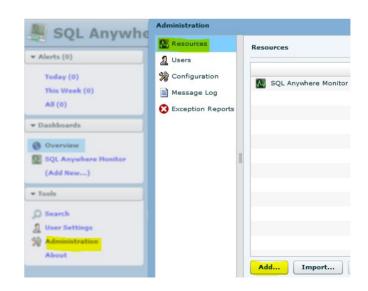
You can monitor the following type of Resources



### To start monitoring a resource, i.e SQL Anywhere:

- click on Administration → Resources
- click on Add
- select Sql Anywhere Server
- follow the wizard's indications to configure the connection to the database server





#### SQL Anywhere Monitor: Dasboards and Widgets



- A dashboard is a container of one or multiples widgets
  - The Overview dashboard provides an overview of the health and availability of the resources being monitored.
  - By default, the Overview dashboard contains the Resource List widget and the Alert List widget.
- In each dashboard you can add(delete or modify) the following widget types:

Type of widget	Description
Key Performance Metrics	Displays information gathered for a resource you are monitoring.
Alerts	Displays a list of alerts for the resource
Resources	Displays a list of resources.
SQL Anywhere Connections	Displays a list of database connections.
SQL Anywhere Scale-Out Topology	Displays a topology of mirroring and scale-out systems.

#### SQL Anywhere Monitor: Metrics



- The monitor collects many metrics
  - Whether a resource is running
  - Whether a resource is listening and processing requests
  - Busy resources: long running queries or blocked users
  - # of synchronizations performed by MobyLink over a period of time
  - Average time taken by a backend server to process an HTTP request

#### SQL Anywhere Monitor: Alerts and Thresholds



- An alert is a condition about a resource that should be brought to the Monitor administrator's attention
  - Alerts are detected by the Monitor based on metrics that are collected.
  - When an alert condition is met, the alert is listed in the Alert List widget for the specified resource.
  - By default, alerts appear in the Alert List widgets and they include informations about the cause of the problem
  - In the Resource List the resource's status changes to reflect the existence and severity of the alert
- As a Monitor administrator, you can configure the thresholds that are used to trigger alerts, for example, thresholds for database resources are triggered when:
  - CPU usage exceed the given threshold, memory usage reaches X% of the max cache size
  - Free disk space per dbspace is less than X MB on the disk
  - A connection has been blocked for longer than X seconds, a query has run for longer than X secs.
  - The # of unscheduled requests reaches X, etc.

#### **SQL Anywhere Monitor: Custom Metrics**



- You can customize a metric and collect data from a resource and receive alerts for that metric
  - Alerts based on the user-specified alert criteria appear in the Alerts List widget
  - The Monitor records custom metric data by calling the value function in the SQL Anywhere resource every collection period
- Procedure in the resource database:
  - create a user-defined function
  - Grant the sa\_monitor\_user\_EXECUTE privilege for this function
- In the Monitor:
  - In the tools pane click Administration , select the reource and click Configure
  - Click the Customer Metrics tab and than click New
  - Specify the setting for the user-defined function, click Ok , click SAVE, click Close

#### SQL Anywhere Monitor: Custom Metrics 2



**Example:** A database user wants to monitor the numbers of orders in a table and raise an alert when the total number of orders exceeds 100000.

• In the resource database, the user creates the following user-defined function:

```
CREATE FUNCTION "dba"."get_order_count"()

RETURNS INT

NOT DETERMINISTIC

BEGIN

DECLARE "currentCount" INT;

SELECT COUNT(*) INTO currentCount FROM SalesOrders;

RETURN "currentCount";

END;
```

• In the Monitor, the user configures a custom metric with the following settings:

Name	OrderCount	
Display units	Orders	
Minimum	0	
Maximum		
Data type	Integer	
Function owner	dba	
Function name	get_order_count	

#### SQL Anywhere Cockpit



The cockpit is a database server monitoring tool that:

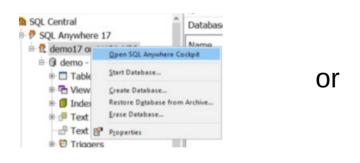
- provides an up-to-date view of the availability and capacity of a database server
- issues alerts whenever detects predefined conditions that could indicate possibile problems. The alerts can be optionally notified by email.
- allows to control the threshold values which trigger the alerts
- allows to perform simple administration tasks such as starting backups and dropping connections
- uses a temporary or permanent database where to save the configuration setting. You can switch between temporary to permanent
- Is available only with version 16 or 17

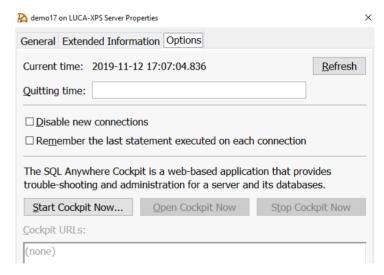
### SQL Anywhere Cockpit: starting, stopping and connecting



You can start and stop the Cockpit, only over a running database server from :

Sql Central





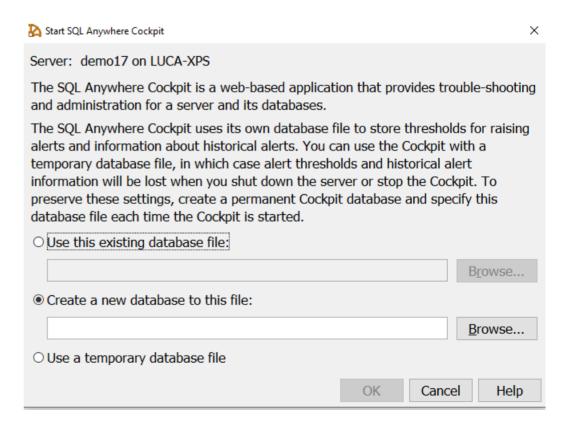
Isql by calling the system procedure sa\_server\_option

### SQL Anywhere Cockpit: starting, stopping and connecting



At starting point you have the option to:

- Use an existing cockpit configuration permanent database
- Create a new cockpit configuration database
- Use a temporary database No alerts and configuration will be saved after shutdown



## SQL Anywhere Cockpit: starting, stopping and connecting



You connect through a browser-based interface (based on Javascript) to the running Cockpit at the url:

- automatically provided by SQL central
- retrieved by isql with the query SELECT PROPERTY ('CockpitURL');

The user chosen to connect to must be granted the COCKPIT\_ROLE user-defined role. For convenience the COCKPIT\_ROLE is populated with the following system privileges (on ver. 16 the COCKPIT\_ROLE has to be built by hand).

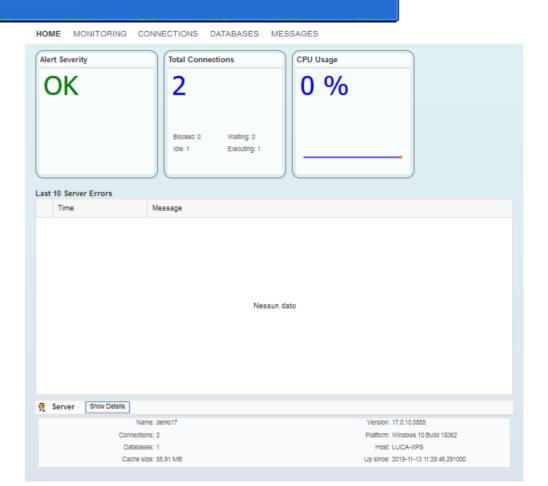
- MONITOR system privilege
- DROP CONNECTION system privilege
- BACKUP DATABASE system privilege
- SERVER OPERATOR system privilege
- ACCESS DISK INFORMATION system privilege

#### SQL Anywhere Cockpit: landing page



Once connected you are redirect to (the first tab of) the tabbed panel landing page consisting of 5 tabs:

- Home
  - A summary dashboard
- Monitoring: where to see alerts and configure the relative thresholds
- Connections: where to see the connections properties and eventually kill them
- Database: where to see the database properties and perform backups
- Messages: where to see the error log messages



#### SQL Anywhere Cockpit: alert thresholds



- The predefined alerts cover all the main aspects of the server's bottleneck:
  - Cpu utilization
  - Number of connections
  - Unscheduleded requests
  - Long running operations , Connection blocking
  - Checkpoint Urgency (the time that has elapsed since the last checkpoint, as a percentage of the checkpoint time setting of the database)
  - Recovery Urgency (a heuristic to estimate the amount of time needed to restore the database if it failed right now)
  - Cache panics (the number of times/per minute the target server failed to find a cache page to allocate)
  - Cache hit percentage
  - Low disk space, Temporary file usage, database file fragments
- For each predefined alert type you can set three different threshold values to handle three severity level:
  - Low
  - Medium
  - High

#### SA Cockpit: configure the thresholds



Thresholds Email Notification	
CPU UTILIZATION	CONNECTION BLOCKING
Raise a high severity alert when CPU utilization is over 90 % for at least 30 seconds.	Raise a high severity alert when a connection has been blocked for at least 30 seconds.
Raise an medium severity alert when CPU utilization is over 85 % for at least 30 seconds.	Raise an medium severity alert when a connection has been blocked for at least 20 seconds.
Raise a low severity alert when CPU utilization is over 80 % for at least 30 seconds.	Raise a low severity alert when a connection has been blocked for at least 10 seconds.
NUMBER OF CONNECTIONS	LONG RUNNING OPERATIONS
Raise a high severity alert when there are 130 or more connections to the server.	Raise a high severity alert when an operation has been running for 30 or more seconds.
Raise an medium severity alert when there are 120 or more connections to the server.	Raise an medium severity alert when an operation has been running for 20 or more seconds.
Raise a low severity alert when there are 110 or more connections to the server.	Raise a low severity alert when an operation has been running for 10 or more seconds.
UNSCHEDULED REQUESTS	DATABASE FILE FRAGMENTS
Raise a high severity alert when 15 or more requests are unscheduled.	Raise a high severity alert when the database file contains 1500 or more fragments.
Raise an medium severity alert when 10 or more requests are unscheduled.	Raise an medium severity alert when the database file contains 1000 or more fragments.
Raise a low severity alert when 5 or more requests are unscheduled.	Raise a low severity alert when the database file contains 750 or more fragments.
CHECKPOINT URGENCY	LOW DISK SPACE
Raise a high severity alert when the checkpoint urgency is 95 % or more.	Raise a high severity alert when a drive has less than 200 MB of free space.
Raise an medium severity alert when the checkpoint urgency is 85 % or more.	Raise an medium severity alert when a drive has less than 500 MB of free space.
Raise a low severity alert when the checkpoint urgency is 75 % or more.	Raise a low severity alert when a drive has less than 1000 MB of free space.
RECOVERY URGENCY	TEMPORARY FILE USAGE
Raise a high severity alert when the recovery urgency is 100 % or more.	Raise a high severity alert when temporary file usage exceeds 2000 MB for at least 300 seconds.
Raise an medium severity alert when the recovery urgency is 90 % or more.	Raise an medium severity alert when temporary file usage exceeds 1500 MB for at least 180 seconds.
Raise a low severity alert when the recovery urgency is 80 % or more.	Raise a low severity alert when temporary file usage exceeds 1000 MB for at least 60 seconds.
CACHE PANICS	CACHE HIT PERCENTAGE
Raise a high severity alert when the rate of cache panics is at least 10 per minute for at least 120 seconds.	Raise a high severity alert when the cache hit percentage is 25 or less for at least 20 seconds.
Raise an medium severity alert when the rate of cache panics is at least 5 per minute for at least 120 seconds.	Raise an medium severity alert when the cache hit percentage is 40 or less for at least 20 seconds.
Raise a low severity alert when the rate of cache panics is at least 1 per minute for at least 120 seconds.	Raise a low severity alert when the cache hit percentage is 60 or less for at least 20 seconds.

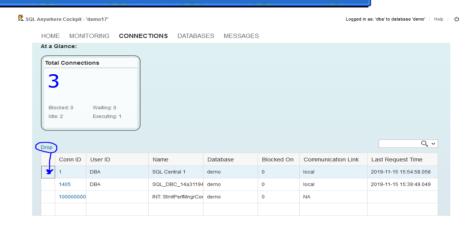
#### **SQL Anywhere Cockpit: Connections**



 You are presented with a list of connection to the database and you are able to select one to drop it

or

 To inspect all the connection attributes



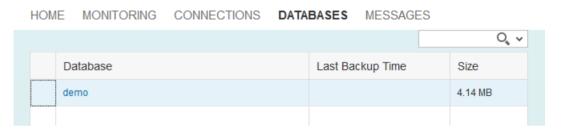


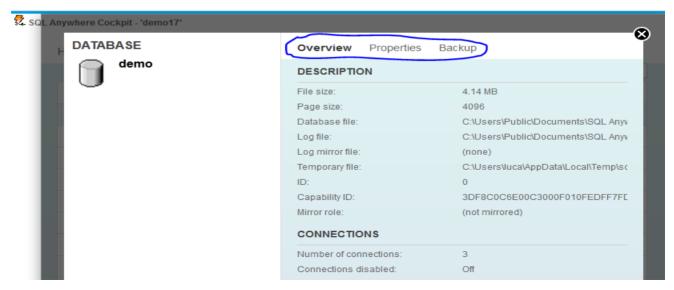


#### **SQL** Anywhere Cockpit: Databases



 You are presented with a list of databases and you are able to select one and inspect all the database attributes





#### SQL Anywhere Cockpit: Messages



 Very useful especially when the engine is running on a server and you don't have any access to it

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Time	Se Text	Category	Database
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2019-11-15 16:01:24.024	Starting checkpoint of "demo" (	Checkpoint	demo
2019-11-15 15:41:24.024	Finished checkpoint of "demo"	Checkpoint	demo
2019-11-15 15:41:24.024	Starting checkpoint of "demo" (	Checkpoint	demo
2019-11-15 15:21:23.023	Finished checkpoint of "demo"	Checkpoint	demo
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#### SQL Anywhere Profiler



A tool that logs the activities that occur in your database in real time and analyzes the information for performance issues such as:

- Deadlocks and blocked connections
- Long-running and expensive queries, as well as repeatedly run statements
- Expensive hidden procedures, for example, triggers, events, and nested stored procedure calls
- Potential problem areas within the body of a procedure

# SQL Anywhere Profiler: Comprehensive & targeted profiling



### Choose between two profiling options depending on the analysis granularity of your system:

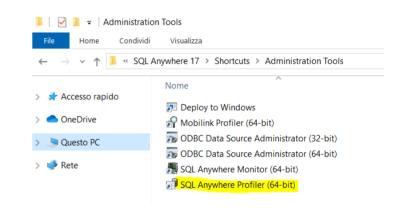
- Comprehensive profiling:
  - it collects all activity that occurs in your database, useful when you are investigating a
    performance problem that has a number of potential causes
  - the performance of the database being monitored is affected
  - it collects the most information about your workload, if you need in production time use it for small amount of time
- Targeted profiling :
  - best choice when you know the characteristics of the SQL statements that are likely to affect performance
  - because it collects less information, performance is minimally affected
  - it profiles stored SQL objects , more suitable in a production environment

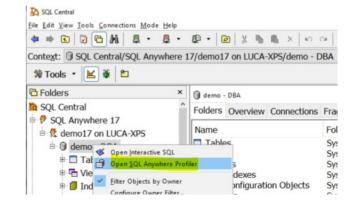


You can start a profile session either from:

the command line:

or SQL Central:







Whatever you choose you are presented with the profiler option panel:

Profiling Options								
Operations Disk Space User Defined Events								
What kind of profiling do you want to do?  © Comprehensive  Record all database activity. This includes information about connections, statements, events, console messages, web server messages, and internal server operations.								
○ <u>T</u> argeted								
Record information for selected statements only.								
Describe the statements you want to profile:								
Statement is <u>a</u> ctive for at least 10 seconds								
Statement blocks for at least seconds								
Other criteria:								
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Type of plan to collect: Graphical   O Support								
Take a snapshot of your server's internal performance statistics. Use this option when directed by SAP technical support.								

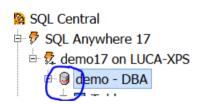


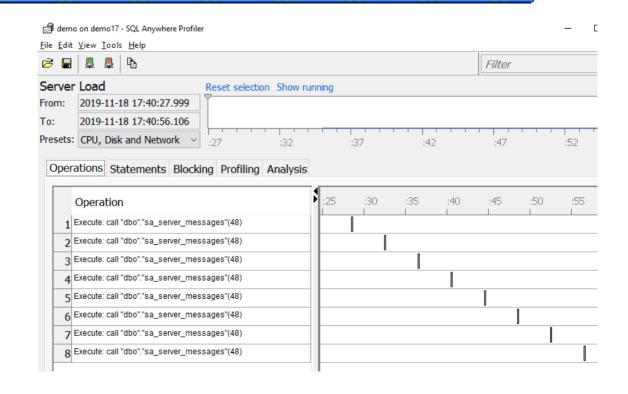
- The comprehensive profile option has no parameters
- the targeted profile option has many:





- Once a profiling type has been selected and the OK button is clicked the acquisition process starts
- The red line indicates the db is under profiling :

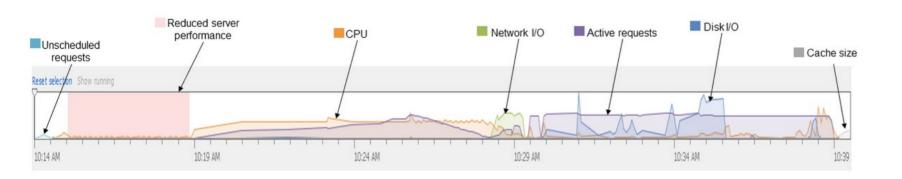




#### SQL Anywhere Profiler: the Server Load panel



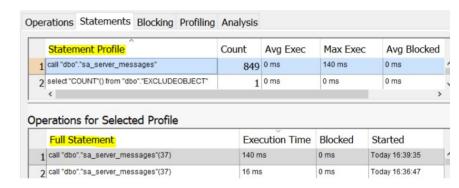
 It tracks the percentage of CPU, disk and network I/O usage, number of active or unscheduled requests and the cache size



## SQL Anywhere Profiler: the Operations, Statements and Blocking tabs



 You can analyze the single operation( aka the full statement) or the grouped statements with the underlying operations (aka the statement profile)



- By clicking on a single operation you can access to the following informations
- You can check the blocking tab for issues related to blocking, blocked or deadlocked connections



## SQL Anywhere Profiler: the Operations tab example Index analyzer



Is not so easy to see at work the **Index Consultant**. Try this:

- Create a test table by taking data from an existing table
- Populate the test table with more and more rows
- Run a query with an order by clause
- On the Operations tab select the query executed and rigth click the menu

SELECT \* into test FROM "GROUPO"."SalesOrderItems"

(Execute for 10 times:) insert into test select \* FROM test

SELECT \* FROM test order by ShipDate



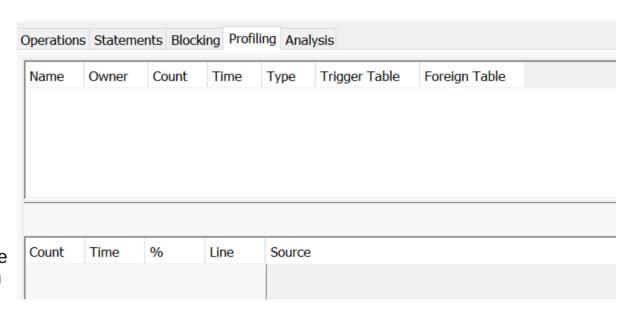
#### SQL Anywhere Profiler: the Profiling tab



 The top panel shows the SQL objects that have executed since profiling started.



- By clicking on a row of the top panel specific statistics of the selected SQL object appear in the lower panel
- If the SQL object is executed multiple times the table also shows the time differences between the baseline and any subsequent executions
- BY default the first execution of a stored SQL object is considered as the baseline until you specify a different execution



## SQL Anywhere Profiler: Comparing the results of different executions of stored procedures



Example (taken from a of SQL profiler tutorial on the SA User Guide)

• Create the following stored procedure:



- Execute the stored procedure by executing the statement CALL DBA.longproc ();
- Set it as baseline to compare the results
- Modify the stored procedure with a smarter query



 Execute the changed stored procedure by executing the statement CALL DBA.longproc ();

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE LONGPROC ()
BEGIN

DECLARE LOCAL TEMPORARY TABLE RET (pkey INT, fkey INT);
FOR Ip AS CRSR CURSOR FOR SELECT EmployeeID AS emp_id FROM GROUPO.Employees

DO
    INSERT INTO ret
    SELECT emp_id, so."ID"
    FROM GROUPO.SalesOrders so
    WHERE so.SalesRepresentative = emp_id;
END FOR;
SELECT *
FROM ret;
END;
```

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE LONGPROC ()

BEGIN

SELECT e.EmployeeID, so."ID" FROM GROUPO.Employees e, GROUPO.SalesOrders so

WHERE so.SalesRepresentative = e.EmployeeID;

END;
```

#### SQL Anywhere Profiler: the Analysis tab



- Workload Summary
   Useful to know if hardware resources are a limiting factor for performance. It is the starting point of the analysis.
- Connections aggregate operation and statement counts for each connection with indication of the statement with longest execution time
- Users
   aggregate operation and statement counts for each user with indication of the statement with
   longest execution time
- Server A static description of the main attributes of the server environment:
  - server machine, Sql Anywhere engine and the profiled database
- Statement Permance Summary : see the next slide

## SQL Anywhere Profiler: Statement Performance Summary



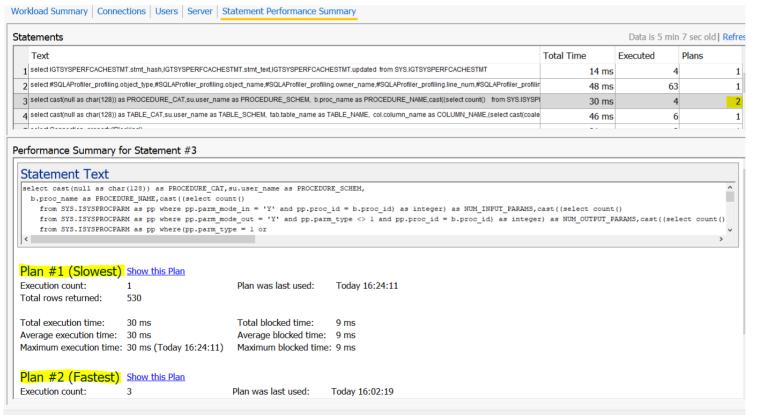
The *statement performance summary* feature uses the **sp\_top\_k\_statements** and **sp\_find\_top\_statements** system procedures (together with GTSYSPERFCACHESTMT and GTSYSPERFCACHEPLAN system views) to report the statement/plan combinations that take the longest time to run. Use to answer questions like:

- Is this statement running slower today than it was before?
- Is the amount of data being returned or modified by the statement the same today as it was yesterday?
- Has the execution plan for the statement changed?
- Has one execution plan been used more yesterday than today?
- Is the maximum runtime for the statement much higher than the average runtime?
- Is the maximum/average runtime for the statement for one plan very different from the maximum/average runtime for the other statement? If so, do invocations with one plan process or return more rows than those with another plan?

## SQL Anywhere Profiler: Statement Performance Summary



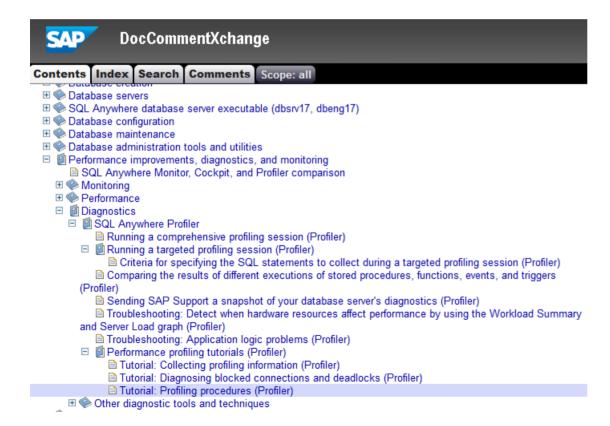
#### For example statement #3 was executed with two different plans



#### SQL Anywhere Profiler: Documentation and Tutorials



Online you are able to find more documentation and some tutorials avalaible on these topics:



### SQL Anywhere Profiler: Enjoy your profiling sessions



- This presentation will be available to all the participants
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